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Secretary of Veterans Affairs since June 1, 2004.

Member, Governor's Executive Council, 2004-; State Advisory Council on Hepatitis C, 2004-05; Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments, 2004-; Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs, 2004-.

Member of House of Delegates, 1988-2004. Majority Whip, 1994-2004 (deputy majority whip, 1992-94). Member, Environmental Matters Committee, 1995-2004 (environment subcommittee, 2003-04; local government & bi-county agencies subcommittee, 2003-04; chair, environmental & natural resources subcommittee, 1995-99; chair, agriculture, environment & natural resources subcommittee, 1999-2003; chair, natural resources subcommittee, 2003-04); Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, 1995-2004; Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area, 2003-04. Member, Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee, 1988-92; Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas, 1991-2003; Environmental Matters Committee, 1992-93; Commerce and Government Matters Committee, 1994; Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 1996; Special Committee on Gaming, 2001; Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 2002; Department of Natural Resources Special Funds Work Group, 2003-04. Chair, Calvert County Delegation, 1990-2004. House Secretary, Maryland Veterans Caucus, 2004.

Member, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, 1988-2004; Chesapeake Bay Trust, 1991-93; Southern States Energy Board, 1995-2000; Attainment Plan (federal air quality standards) Task Force, Department of the Environment, 1995-2002; Task Force to Study Retail Electric Competition and the Restructuring of the Electric Utility Industry, 1997-98; Governor's Pesticide Council, 1998-99; Task Force on Tobacco Crop Conversion in Maryland, 1999; Task Force to Ensure Utility Services, 1999-2000; Oil Spill Prevention Advisory Committee, 2000; Maryland Veterans Home Commission, 2003-04.

Born in Daytona Beach, Florida, April 11, 1945. Attended Calvert Senior High School; University of Maryland, 1963-64. Prince George's Community College, A.A. (liberal arts), 1978. Served in U.S. Marine Corps, 1964-68 (sergeant); Vietnam, 1965-68 (Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation with Bronze Star Device, Navy-Marine Corps Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Silver Star Device). Mortgage banker. Member, Calvert County Democratic Club; Calvert County Democratic Central Committee, 1985-88. Charter President, Mid-Chesapeake Bay Kiwanis. Life member, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 7950 (past adjutant, 1985-88). Life member, American Legion Post 206.

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